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Haliburton artist Carole Finn stands by one of her paintings as she proudly holds up a letter welcoming her to the Ontario Society of Artists. See story on page 10.

## Wilberforce library creates 'ruckus'

Council faces backlash from residents upset about clear-cutting

By Matthew Desrosiers

The new sustainable library planned in Wilberforce has run into its first controversy.

In an attempt to prepare the site for the spring, when students from Fleming College will begin construction on the building, the site, known as Block B, was clear-cut and all trees were removed.

Community members attended council on Dec. 11 to

complain about the clear-cutting, saying that the removal of trees has also ruined any privacy they once had.

Ward 1 councillor Steven Kauffeldt said the lot will not remain treeless.

"There is a plan in place for landscaping afterwards," he said. "Yes, there will be some wind for the next few months through that area, but I think the neighbours will be extremely pleased with the benefit they'll get when it's done."

Concerns included a lack of information and notice that the clear-cutting would be happening this winter.

"In order to get the opportunity to work with Fleming, we had to move a lot more quickly than we normally work," said Joan Barton, Ward 4 councillor.

Highlands East reeve Dave Burton said the clear-cutting has actually helped the neighbourhood.

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## Rotary Clubs collect gifts at annual Christmas party

The Rotary Clubs of Haliburton and Minden, at their annual Christmas party Dec. 14 collected \$525 in various gift cards and a present for a boy (11 or 12 year old). From left: Andrew Hodgson, president Haliburton Rotary, Daisy Downs, YWCA, Greg Bishop, Rotarian, and Brent Devolin, Minden Rotary president.

## OPP warn of computer scam

By Matthew Desrosiers

This holiday season, the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are warning residents to beware of the 'Microsoft' scam, which has been reported throughout the province.

In this scam, fraudsters call your home and identify themselves as being from Microsoft. They say they've identified a problem with your Windows operating system and require remote access to your computer to fix the problem.

These scam artists will walk you through the process, and, when they are done, will ask for your credit card information for warranty purposes, for a fee.

"The fraudsters in this case are making cold calls based on the fact that most households have a computer and that most computers have a Microsoft Windows operating system," said Constable Sandy Adams in a release. "Telling the caller that you don't have a computer is a good idea. Their response is generally a very quick 'good bye.'"

Apart from providing your credit card number to a stranger, if you allow them to have remote access to your computer they could steal private information such as banking details and passwords.

The OPP would like to remind everyone to never allow someone unsolicited remote access to your computer.

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# Highlander news



Photo by Matthew Desrochers

## New addition to the Algonquin Highlands crew

Algonquin Highlands council stands with the newest member of its vehicle fleet. This New Holland multi-purpose tractor will enhance the road department's efficiency in maintaining the runway at Stanhope Airport. It comes with several attachments for road clearing as well. Pictured above, from left: Mike Thomas, public works operations manager, Ward 2 councillor Lisa Barry, Reeve Carol Moffatt, Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, Ward 3 councillor Marlene Kyle and Ward 1 councillor Gord Henderson.

## Sustainable library will fix eyesore, crime problem

Continued from page 1

"I feel we cleaned up a dark spot that was in town," he said. "There was a lot of evidence there of crime that was happening."

Burton said kids would loiter there, and there was evidence of drinking and drug use.

To appease some of the concerns, Burton said they hoped to have an open house where members of the community could see what was going on with the new project.

"When we get drawings and get everything in from the

college... we should have an open house and everybody [can] see what we're doing and how we're doing."

Kauffeldt said it was never his intention to cause a ruckus in Wilberforce by starting this project.

"What we have now is an eyesore," he said. "We're trying to fix it. We will fix the problems. I'm sorry we have ruffled everybody's feathers. We are attempting to fix something nobody else would touch."

Council voted in favour of re-zoning Block B to allow the new library.

## Dysart et al council briefs

### Community Care gets \$5,000

The Municipality of Dysart et al has committed to supporting Community Care Haliburton County to the tune of \$5,000 in 2013. Hilary Elia, resource development coordinator, presented to council at its Dec. 17 meeting, outlining the work of the organization. Reeve Murray Fearrey expressed his gratitude at what Community Care does and reiterated the municipality's previous four year commitment to fund the organization at \$5,000 per annum.

### Glebe Park gets \$10,000

Dysart council agreed to a 2013 budget request of \$10,127 from the Glebe Park Committee at its Dec. 17 meeting. The council also agreed that unused funds from Glebe Park's 2012 budget allocation be transferred to a reserves fund and used for car park repair works and felling trees, as indicated in the organization's forest management plan.

### Cranberry Bridge application

An application for funding for remedial works on the Cranberry Lake Bridge will be drawn up after Dysart council passed a resolution at its Dec. 17 meeting. If successful, the application to the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Capital Program could provide up to 90 per cent of the cost of the \$800,000 project.

### Solar gets go ahead in Dysart

Dysart council passed a blanket resolution that will enable applicants to the provincial government's Feed-In Tariff (FIT) solar energy program to state that they have municipal backing on application forms. The resolution was passed to enable four current and at least three upcoming proposals for solar panel installations to be passed in time to get government assistance. The resolution stipulates terms to be met by all applicants.

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# Editorial opinion

## Trading in fictions

If the provincial Progressive Conservatives want political ammunition against the Liberals, they don't have to look far. After eHealth, ORNGE, solar energy and cancelled power plants, we're now learning about the fifth stomach-churning, major scandal of Dalton McGuinty's government: hundreds of millions of dollars spent creating a public transport payment card that has been available off the shelf for about 20 years.

With so many examples of malfeasance to support a rational argument for a new government, it begs understanding why the PCs are now resorting to the same Hudakesque hyperbole and nonsense (think chain gangs) that lost them the last election in their campaign against the Ontario College of Trades.

Last week we covered a recent tour by Laurie Scott and neighbouring MPP Garfield Dunlop to talk down the College, a body created by legislation in 2009 to regulate tradespeople. As part of that tour, Scott and Dunlop sent out a press release in which Dunlop decries the "unwanted and outrageous membership fees" charged by the College. When I spoke to him on the phone he said the fees would be hundreds of dollars, \$360 to be exact.

Well, not exactly. Mr Dunlop admitted that the \$360 in fees would be for three years, and at the highest of possible fee levels. What Mr Dunlop terms outrageous is actually \$60 per year for an apprentice or tradesperson and \$120 for a journeyman, less than you would pay to license a small commercial vehicle.

So it's not really about the fees, it's about a shortage of trades, Dunlop agreed. But the fees are important because that's how you get the tradespeople behind your campaign, one Scott and Dunlop call "grassroots" and which is described in more detail at [STOPTHETRADESTAX.CA](http://STOPTHETRADESTAX.CA).

The website, as you might imagine, virtually screams STOP THE TRADES TAX. But as Dunlop and Scott's representative, John Spink, allow, they are membership fees, not taxes, just like the fees paid by doctors, lawyers and all kinds of professionals. And "grassroots", according to the Oxford Dictionary, means at the lowest level — actual people. Yet the supporters listed as "grassroots" on [STOPTHETRADESTAX.ca](http://STOPTHETRADESTAX.ca) are not actual people, they are employers, apparently organized and led by people affiliated with the federal and provincial Conservative parties.

Something else stands out: the website itself. The language is way over the top; it's repetitious; and it contains blatant falsehoods, for example the tax that is not a tax and the hundreds of dollars in fees that are not hundreds of dollars in fees. The style reminded me of the talking points you hear endlessly from Conservative operatives like Kory Teneyck, former director of communications to Stephen Harper, now VP of Sun News; the kind that always refer to the CBC as "state-run media", the kind perfected by Republicans south of the border and which have seeped northward in the last decade.

So I looked into it. The website was set up by a guy named Stephen Taylor, a failed candidate for the 2004 federal Conservative party nomination in Kingston and, according to his website, a director of the National Citizens' Coalition. Taylor refused to answer

any questions about the site or even to confirm his connection to it, referring me to Playbook Communications, a public relations firm owned by a former aide to John Baird, Mike van Soelen. Playbook has been flooding the wires with press releases claiming the College of Trades "is in full retreat as opposition mounts" — opposition led by their client and coordinated, it seems, by Playbook itself.

A colleague of Van Soelen's confirmed that Taylor is a contractor with Playbook and referred me to the chair of this "grassroots" campaign, Sean Reid, who happens to be a member of the Conservative and PC discussion groups on Linked In. Reid is also Ontario Regional Director for the Progressive Contractors Association (PC — get it?) which describes itself somewhat oxymoronically as "the voice of progressive unionized employers". Their vision statement says, "we support a construction industry that is open to all, regardless of

union affiliation." Sounds a lot like "right-to-work", a set of policies being rolled out in many American states which aims to reduce the power of unions by making their dues optional and allowing non-union workers to be hired into union shops. It's also, coincidentally, a set of policies just this month brought to the fore by PC leader Tim Hudak.

The link to unions might explain why when I spoke to Dunlop, he launched into an unprompted tirade about how the College is untrustworthy because it's stacked with "union bosses" (another of those talking points) who are out to restrict the number of tradespeople licensed, thereby keeping wages high and costing consumers more for just about everything.

I checked. It's not. Only seven of 21 directors have union connections; the remainder are business leaders, entrepreneurs and tradespeople.

Dunlop went on to explain to me that because there are not enough trades in Ontario, builders have trouble finding them and pay too much for their services. Reducing the apprenticeship ratio (as the College says it is looking into at this very moment despite Dunlop's assertion that it is blocking any change) would allow for more tradespeople to be trained, lowering construction costs which would benefit builders and consumers. How would construction costs be lowered? By lowering wages, of course: supply and demand, more tradespeople means more supply.

So why, I asked, would tradespeople support policies that may lead to lower wages? Exhibiting a skill common of many politicians, the ability to hold two contradictory positions at the same time, he said that wages would not be lower.

Interesting — builders save money on wages, but wages do not go down.

That paradox is not discussed on



By Bram Lebo

[STOPTHETRADESTAX.ca](http://STOPTHETRADESTAX.ca). Its main purpose seems to make tradespeople angry at an "outrageous tax" so that they will vote for the PCs who will do away with this non-outrageous non-tax by doing away with the College of Trades.

I'll tell you what I think this is really about: the College might be inclined to protect union rights. That could potentially cause grief for a future Hudak government that wants to implement "right-to-work" legislation. But since the PCs can't say that publicly, they've gone berserk about fictitious taxes in order to get real tradespeople angry enough to vote against their own interests. That's pretty much the neo-con playbook adopted by the federal Conservatives and, lately, by Hudak's PCs — distract people from the real issue by appealing to their anger, envy and prejudices, and set up fake grassroots campaigns (a.k.a. "astroturf") to make it seem as if everyone is on the bandwagon. It must be pure coincidence that the PR agency is called Playbook — you can't make this stuff up.

What I can't figure out is why the PCs are taking this approach. Reading the material on the College's website, the organization looks to be yet another government boondoggle with little purpose other than to create more red tape. Like the McGuinty Liberal government itself, it could easily be attacked in a rational, methodical way that sets out the facts. Instead, [STOPTHETRADESTAX.ca](http://STOPTHETRADESTAX.ca) is hysterical bombast and exaggeration. Maybe Hudak's people just can't help themselves and default to apoplexy? Too bad that, because it looks sneaky and dishonest.

It's also unfortunate because there are some real issues here.

That there is a trades shortage is not in doubt. There absolutely needs to be a discussion on lowering the apprenticeship ratio, on training more people as trades and investing in Canadians rather than importing foreign, cheap labour as the feds are doing. The Liberals have failed to address these issues; there's no reason to use hyperbole and outright falsehoods in order to get Ontarians inside.

Sadly, Laurie Scott has added her name to this apparent subterfuge. I've known Laurie for a few years now and have interviewed her at length for Canoe FM. She has built her political career on a reputation for hard work and integrity, attributes which used to be shared by more PCs, pre-Harris. I do not believe this is Laurie Scott — it's one hundred per cent Tim Hudak and his Republican brand of nasty, patronising, divisive, smug and dishonest politics that takes us for fools; it's unworthy of Ontarians.

Laurie, we deserve better — and so do you.

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# Highlander news

## The gift of giving

Dear editor,

If it is the case that a community is judged by how it responds to the disadvantaged within its borders, then the practical expressions of goodwill to the needy among us, channelled through the Christian Community Concern Centre (4Cs) at this season, attest to a level of neighbourliness that speaks well of the citizenry of Haliburton.

If it is true, as it surely is, that to give is better than to receive then there are many folk (both individual and corporate) in our midst who have found much joy in being generous this Christmas. We at the 4Cs have the privilege of receiving that generosity from the community and giving it to those who are financially disadvantaged. We are the last link in this chain of charity and thus we have the joy of adding a personal touch to the transaction and of receiving the thanks of the recipients.

So we are twice blessed and it is our desire to direct that thanks back into the giving community. It is my privilege to represent the approximately 50 volunteers (directors and staff) in expressing our appreciation for the resources we receive at Christmas and throughout the year that enable us to pursue our stated purpose to "relieve poverty in Haliburton County through the confidential operation of a food bank and to generally render assistance of a charitable nature to needy residents."

May God "in whom we live and move and have our being" continue to so motivate us all during 2013.

Sincerely,

Don Wood, Chair  
Christian Community Concern Centre

## Thank you for your help

Dear editor,

I would like to thank the people who assisted me on Nov. 28, 2012 when I lost control of my car on black ice near Gooderham. A nurse from the Haliburton hospital and her husband, a man in a truck and the OPP officer were all very kind and helpful. I am very thankful to all of you and wish everyone well in the New Year!

Rose Watson  
Peterborough

## Photo of the week



Snowfall dusts the trees in a quiet Head Lake Park.

Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

## Tell us your opinion

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## The Outsider — Thinly spread excess

Phew, \*burp\*!

I'm absolutely stuffed, chock-full, glutted, gorged; I couldn't eat another mouthful. You'll have to pardon me: all of this Christmas spirit is taking its toll.

No! I don't mean that kind of spirit, although I have to admit to partaking of the odd snifter. It's the eating that has done me in. The Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, plum pudding, turkey sandwiches, chocolates, turkey infused bedtime snack, stupendously large Boxing Day pancake breakfast, turkey casserole for lunch, chocolates, turkey sandwiches... You get the drift, although I think I may sink rather than drift if left I set sail at the moment!

Yes, Christmas excess is a terribly wonderful thing, or should that be wonderfully terrible thing? Either way, it's a given and many of us will be feeling the same way at the moment. And that's my point, sort of. Just as I wrote about grandmas the world over spoiling their grandchildren not two weeks ago, I now find myself harping on about another thing that is not different here in Canada but exactly the same as I have experienced all of my previous life in England.

Christmas excess means not only lots of food but those 'special' treats that we only seem to eat at Christmastime. The large bowlful of nuts that sits on the coffee table (it's not there for the rest of the year), tangerines by the dozen, eggnog (just what is nog?) and sickly sweet liqueurs, and Brussels sprouts

— these are why I put quotation marks around 'special' a few words back.

A beer or cocktail to start off the festivities, sherry before dinner, brandy or port or both after, whiskey to round off the evening. Hmm, methinks there is all too much mention of alcoholic beverages here. Let's just assume that I'm speaking on behalf of folks in general, so as not to spoil my teetotal image.

All of these things combine to make many a Christmas festive but boy do they take their toll on the body. Hold on a mo... \*burp\*! As if on cue, eh?

Perhaps, and this is just a suggestion, we could cut down on the gluttonous behaviour and concentrate on other aspects of Christmas instead. We could even extend them and make them year-round. For those of a religious bent I apologize now because I'm not going to suggest that we all turn to God (albeit those of you who do, I applaud your faith and conviction). No, what I mean are the far more frivolous aspects of Christmas. For instance, those houses currently festooned in brightly coloured lights look fabulous: they make even the most miserable of miserly moper crack a smile, so, I say leave them up for the whole year.

Parades: there are nowhere near enough parades. Little Z loves a good marching band and pull in the crowds. We could commemorate all significant events in Haliburton County

with parades — a Reeve Fearrey being voted in again parade. A parade for every new dollar store that opens. A bugs-are-here parade in mid-June!

And then, there are the heartily spoken wishes of goodwill that folks fling around with wild abandon to apparent strangers at this time of year: Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, etc. How about extending them, well not necessarily Merry Christmas, that would be just be silly, but how about grasping a passerby by the lapels in, say mid-March, and exclaiming "Happy almost spring!" (or something similar and date relevant). You just know it'll get you a great big grin... that, or a punch in the face.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that we expend so much energy making Christmas the best it can be, why not try spreading that excitement, that love, that food, around a bit. Let's stretch out the festive fun. Let's spread the glad tidings around for a little longer. Let's make it Christmas everyday!

Wow, doesn't that sound great! Come on. Are you with me? OK, OK, I agree, we don't have to eat sprouts more often. Now, are you with me?

Happy Holidays and a wonderful whole year to come to everyone!



By Will Jones



# Highlander opinions

## Eye on the street: What is your New Year's resolution?



**Doug Cameron**

Blairhampton

Just to stay happy the way I am. Life is good so I want to stay healthy and have fun.



**Sherri Polley**

Cobocank

My resolution is to be a better person and love life more now that I live here in cottage country.



**Val Carr**

Minden

To try and stay healthy, get all my debts paid before I retire this November and I wish for peace in the world.

**David Perrault**

Kinnmount

Stay as healthy as I can. If we do not have good health we do not have much. I am going to enjoy my retirement that starts Jan. 1 2013! Now that is exciting.



**Rod Davidson**

Gelert

I am not going to procrastinate. I will fix my deck. I will have a better lawn and keep it manicured better so that my neighbour does not come over and cut designs all through it.



## THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: IRWIN

By Matthew Desrosiers

"My father was a policeman who was killed in the line of duty in Toronto in 1972."

"I joined the force in 1975."

Three years after the death of his father, Mike Irwin, then 14, followed his dad's footsteps and joined the police as a cadet.

Irwin's father, also named Michael, was a detective with the Metropolitan Toronto Police. He and his partner, Detective Douglas Sinclair, were dispatched to a noise complaint at an apartment building in the early morning of Feb. 27, 1972.

"They got off the elevator, got about halfway down the hall, and this guy stepped out with a sawed-off .22 and just started shooting," Irwin said.

His father was shot in the head, while Detective Sinclair took two shots in the chest, according to the Toronto Police Service's website.

Irwin said in those days gun violence against police was rare and the officers didn't wear bulletproof vests.

A third officer was with the detectives and managed to find cover. He would eventually shoot and kill the assailant when he refused to surrender to the police.

It was 2 a.m.

Irwin was staying at his aunt's house that night. She received the call while he was sleeping, but decided to wait until the morning to give him the news so that he would be well-rested.

"They made the right choice as far as I'm concerned," Irwin recalled. "They didn't know I had my own radio. I woke up to this 7 o'clock news broadcast that my father had been shot."

The family wanted to protect Irwin from seeing his father in the hospital, but he insisted on going.

"My second cousin's husband, who was a lawyer at the time, he took me down to the hospital. He's always been one of my personal heroes because he's the one who stepped up to the plate and said 'He wants to go, we're taking him.'"

Irwin's father survived for 12 hours in the hospital, but he never regained consciousness.

"My father and I were very close. I stayed at the hospital with my mother until my dad died."

He was 38.

Despite losing his father, Irwin said it never deterred him

from joining the force.

"I always wanted to be a policeman," he said.

His motivation came from his experience growing up as the son of an officer.

"I loved it," he said. "It was great. He worked in a division where we lived, so everybody knew us. It was a great lifestyle to grow up in."

"We were raised to be honest. Honesty was a big thing. You never lie. It was a great thing to live like that."

Many other kids in the neighbourhood were also from police families, so it was easy to make friends.

"We weren't ostracized because we were the policeman's kids. Everybody wanted to be our friends because so many of us were police kids."

When Irwin talked to his mother about his decision to join the police force, she didn't want to say no.

"Mom was very proud," Irwin said. "[She] never interfered with our lives."

After he joined, his two younger brothers followed suit.

"Both my younger brothers joined the Toronto force and have done their careers there," he said. "My sister has been a civilian with both the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Toronto for a number of years, and she's married to a Mountie."

The tradition of service that started with Irwin's father has continued throughout the family, including nieces and nephews.

But Irwin's time with the force was not without trials of his own.

"In 1982 I got hurt."

Irwin, now married to his wife Barbara, had left the Toronto police force because they didn't want to raise their kids in the city. He joined the OPP and was stationed in Homepayne, Ontario.

There had been a robbery at the Esso in town, and Irwin, along with his rookie partner, were dispatched to the call.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers  
Mike and Barbara Irwin with their Australian shepherds, Rathbone and Cameo.

The officers pulled over a truck with five young men in it. Two were arrested while the other three ran into the bush. It was winter.

Irwin said because his partner didn't have much experience in the field yet, he left him to place the two arrested suspects in the cruise while Irwin chased the remaining three on foot.

As he broke into the bush, the snow and ice gave way under Irwin's weight. He crashed down and landed against a frozen tree, shattering both his knees.

Despite being told he wouldn't walk again, Irwin continued on patrol for two more years before he could

no longer do the job.

He ended his career in the force as a firearms instructor at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario. He was there for 15 years.

Although Irwin has lived through the untimely and violent death of his father, his own grievous injury in the line of duty, and other health-related trials, he always persevered.

"I'm mobility impaired," he said. "It throws a lot of people off because I live in the bush. I was confined to a wheelchair for four years and I decided I wasn't going to live like that. I wanted to have some mobility so I forced myself up and I can walk a little bit, but I'm pretty restricted. I use electric scooters and ATVs to get around in here."

Irwin said we're always taught to see the bad in life, to see the cup as half-empty. But we can teach ourselves to be happy and see the positives.

While the death of his father in 1972 was a tragedy, Irwin said if it wasn't for that, he would never have met his wife and started his family.

The couple moved to the Highlands in 2003, three years after Irwin resigned from the college. Barbara had always wanted to retire here, where her family has kept a cottage since 1962.

Every two weeks, for a year, we're interviewing a Highlander at random from the phonebook, starting with A.



Because everyone has a story.



# Highlander environment

## Land Trust's program manager resigns

By Mark Arke

After two-and-a-half years with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT), Rachel Gillooly has stepped down from her position as the organization's program manager.

"I look forward to opportunities of working locally again, but in the meantime I am working again with Rainbow Health Ontario

planning and coordinating their third biennial major provincial conference," said Gillooly, whose last day on the job was Nov. 30. She was contracted by the HHLT in May of 2010.

Before the HHLT had its own office, which is located at 739 Mountain Street in Haliburton, Gillooly operated the organization out of her home office.

"This provided some much needed organizational presence – a presence that was greatly enhanced with the support of [the Municipality of] Dysart et al this past March by renting office space to the organization," she said.

Highlights from her tenure with the organization include facilitating the expansion of educational programming and the sophistication of

communication, membership and public education products and strategies.

Gillooly looked back on the summer of 2012, when the HHLT "re-examined its focus and developed a vision statement to guide activities into the future."

"Going forward, education, community outreach and private land stewardship are viewed as fundamental avenues through which the Land Trust will work to support land protection," she said.

Gillooly is thankful for the support she has received during her tenure from those around her.

"Well, I must say that I'm a firm believer in 'you are only as strong as your weakest link,' and none of the accomplishments I'm proud of would have been possible without the support, hard work and dedication of an army of volunteers, committed board of directors and a first-class administrative assistant."

At this time it is unknown whether or not the board of directors will seek a new program manager, said Gillooly.

The HHLT's only other paid employee is administrative assistant Kim Robichaud.



Photo submitted by Rachel Gillooly  
Rachel Gillooly resigned from the Land Trust effective the end of November.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Mac Ellis picks an acre of land to adopt in the Dahl Forest.

## Land trust open house

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust opened its doors to the public on Dec. 18 to showcase their first office space as an organization.

It was also an opportunity for the community to meet and greet members of the Land Trust's board and staff, and to promote what the organization does in the county.

Kim Robichaud, the Land Trust's administrative assistant, said 20 visitors stopped by the open house. Some were interested in learning about opportunities to be involved with the organization, while others were purchasing an alternative-style Christmas gift through the Dahl Forest – adopt an acre fundraising campaign.

"We didn't know how many individuals we were going to be welcoming," she said. "This gave us a great opportunity to welcome and chat with those who joined us. Most individuals stayed for the entire length of the open house, which was nice."

Guests enjoyed some snacks and refreshments throughout the evening.

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# Highlander arts



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Ruth Walker just released her first novel, *Living Underground*, in September.

## Author inspired by Highlands

By Matthew Desrosiers

What started as a fondness for Algonquin Park turned into a second home for author Ruth Walker.

In 2006, Walker and her husband began looking for a property in the Highlands to buy as a getaway.

"I was trying to see if we could find a little bit of property somewhere, and up came this little exclusive listing," she said. "The minute my feet stepped on the trail leading up to the cabin I felt home. I can't describe it in any other way. It was just home."

Nestled on a peninsula between two rivers, at the point where they come together, Walker's new cabin would become an escape from city life and provide a quiet place to write, think about her stories and work on her poetry.

Having just released her first novel, *Living Underground*, in September this year, Walker actually worked on her final edits and revisions in the Highlands. But she wasn't always a writer.

"Other than writing some very dreadful poetry at about 16 years of age, I didn't write at all because I thought that was a place [for] people with university degrees and writing pedigrees," she said. "You had to be something special to be a writer. It never occurred to me to be a writer."

Walker would later take a university course in writing, and there was a creative writing

element to it. It was a decision that changed everything.

"My professor said 'You have a very strong narrative voice. Do you write?' That's when I knew. I was almost 40."

The first thing she ever submitted for competition was a short story in 1996 that won the Canadian Living Short Story competition.

"I thought I had it made after that," she said.

However she struggled to break into the industry despite her success. Her poetry and short stories continued to win prizes at various competitions.

Now more established and with a novel under her belt, Walker looks forward to her time in Haliburton.

"It's a magical place," she said. "There's just this space in which to think, that in other places you don't have."

Her interests range from outdoors and nature, to women in history and historical figures.

Walker is looking to bring some of her writing workshops to the Highlands. She is looking to make this place more her community, however she knows she'll always be an outsider. But that's ok.

"It's better to be an outsider," she said. "As a creative artist, absolutely. I think that's why there are so many artists up here. We are always on the outside looking in."



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## Carole Finn welcomed into Ontario Society of Artists

By Mark Arke

A successful application to the Ontario Society of Artists (OSA) has opened up the door to more opportunities for Haliburton artist Carole Finn.

"I didn't even expect to get accepted," said Finn, who received an official letter in the mail on Dec. 11 welcoming her to the OSA.

Finn applied last spring and had to wait until October for the jurying process to begin.

"It goes through a jury selection, then there's a group of finalists and then that's another jury selection," she said. "There were about 17 of us in the final selection, but I don't know how many were chosen."

After Finn made it through the initial stages of the application process, she had to take five of her paintings created in the past year down to the OSA's office in Toronto. Her brother-in-law helped her transport the large pieces, which had to arrive at 9 a.m. That afternoon, she received unofficial word that she would become a member.

Established 140 years ago, the OSA is "a professional organization which fosters and promotes the visual arts in all disciplines — through exhibitions, special projects and arts advocacy." It

is a non-profit, charitable organization, administered by a volunteer executive council of members.

Now that she is one of the over 200 artists to receive a membership, Finn says she will have access to more opportunities.

"What it does is open up an area that you can compete and put work in shows that's only for Society members. I've already submitted a picture that's going to be juried for the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto. To get on something like that gives you a really good chance to get a reputation."

Those familiar with the local arts scene already know Finn and her work well. She was one of the visionaries behind the Haliburton School of the Arts, a founding member of the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre and a member of a committee that helped launch the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands.

Although she is retired, Finn stays busy as a professional artist. She has several projects on the go, including a future show on the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve and a trip in September to the Great Bear Rainforest to gather materials for a series of paintings.

"I can't get more than a year ahead of myself," laughed Finn. "I have to paint."

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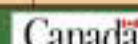
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# Highlander arts

## Fort Irwin resident wins CBC Canada Writes

By Erin Lynch

Janet Trull has been writing short stories for many years, participating in a number of writing contests.

"Usually, when I think I have written a sure-fire winner, it doesn't even make the short list," says Trull, a retired teacher from Grand Erie District School Board.

But this time the Fort Irwin resident wrote a winner.

Trull recently won CBC Canada Writes for her story called *Close Encounters with Science*. Beating over 600 entries, the final judge of the contest was Nora Young, the host of CBC Radio's *Spark*.

Canada Writes is an online writing community connected to CBC Books. They feature pieces by Canadian authors, book reviews, interviews, etc. They frequently have writing challenges. This particular challenge was to recount an event that connected you to science.



Photo by Erin Lynch

Trull says the inspiration came from her childhood.

"I grew up in Dunnville, Ontario, a small town on the Grand River. There was a kid at my school who came from a rough family. We were a bit afraid of him, but he was endlessly fascinating to follow around. When he wasn't instigating fights, he shared with us a real curiosity for and appreciation of the natural world. He was nature-smart instead of book-smart. Although we learned a lot from his schoolyard experiments, the teachers weren't impressed with him."

Trull says the win was a surprise.

"Sometimes the simple stories are the best." For her victory Trull receives \$1,000 provided by the Canada Council for the Arts and the positive feedback and encouragement to write more.

"I just sent a poem and a short story off to Fiddlehead Magazine. Cross your fingers."

## Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

### HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *The Black Box* by Michael Connelly
2. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce
3. *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay 🇨🇦
4. *Winter of the World* by Ken Follett
5. *Up and Down* by Terry Fallis 🇨🇦

### HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *The Ravenous Brain: How the New Science of Consciousness Explains Our Insatiable Search for Meaning* by Daniel Bor
2. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦

Michael Connelly's novels always tend to be released to a lot of fanfare. *The Black Box*, his latest title, is no exception.

At his core, our protagonist Harry Bosch is a cop with a mission—to tip the scales of justice toward the side of murder victims and their survivors. The scales can never be righted, of course, even by solving the cold cases Bosch is assigned as part of the Los Angeles Police Department's Open Unsolved Unit.

This is especially true in the case of the 20-year-old murder of Danish journalist Anneke Jespersen, who was killed during the L.A. riots of 1992. What was Jespersen, a white woman, doing in South Central L.A. in the aftermath of the riots? As usual, Bosch faces not only the seeming impossibility of reconstructing a crime that has been a cold case for two decades but also the roadblocks imposed by the LAPD's top bureaucrats.

This is Connelly's 25th book in his 20th year of publishing – so if you like gritty mystery thrillers and have never given this author a try, why not start now with *The Black Box*?

Library News: Free holiday children's programming is set for the Minden Hills, Dysart and Wilberforce branches of the library. Stop by Minden, Dec. 27 and Jan. 2 (10-11 a.m.), Dysart, Dec. 29 and Jan. 4 (10-11 a.m.), or Wilberforce, Dec. 28 and Jan. 3 (12:30-1:30 p.m.) for stories, games and crafts.

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Top left, moving clockwise: The Haliburton County Studio Tour celebrated its 25th year.

The summer isn't complete until the carnival comes to town.

On Nov. 11, the county stood still to remember those who gave their lives in defense of our freedom.

The Highlands suffered from a draught this summer, resulting in a fire ban across the county. Unfortunately, not all cottages were spared.

Another round of students accepted their diplomas this year, taking the next steps in their student careers.





# 2012 A year with The Highlander



File photos

Top left, moving clockwise: Former Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Paul Rosebush resigned from his position and accepted a job at the South Bruce Grey Health Centre.

Bernie Nicholls brought home the cup.

High school students took to the streets to protest Bill 115.

The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre put on another bustling Trash 'n' Treasures sale this year. They doubled the number of vendors last year, with 48 in total.

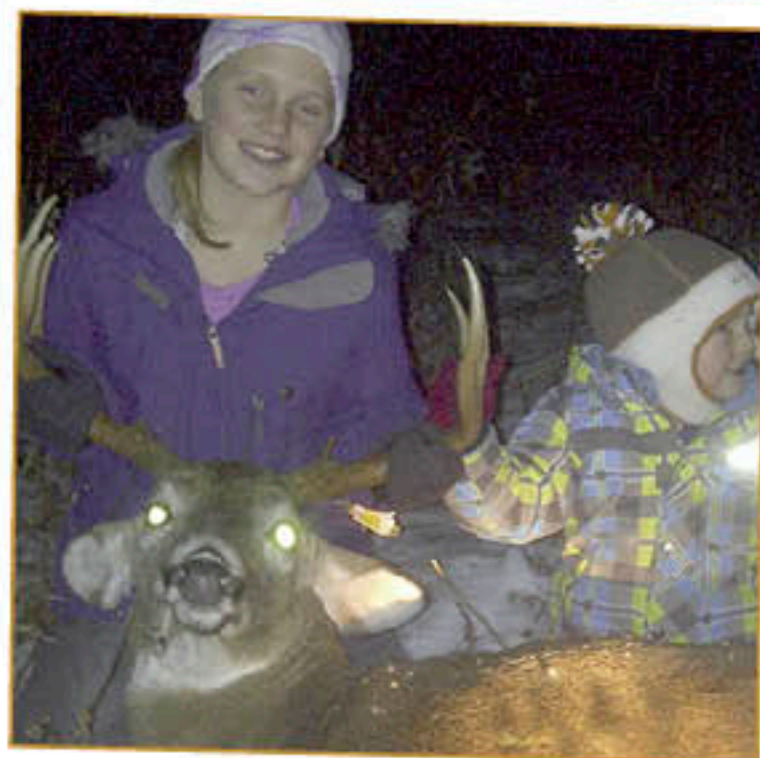
Jim Cuddy stopped in to play the Forest Festival.

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# Highlander outdoors

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Barb Morrow presents Rex Henry and the HHOA Fish Hatchery with a wooden lake trout carving made by her late husband and HHOA volunteer, Ab Morrow.

## Hatchery recognizes volunteers

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) Fish Hatchery is run on the backs of working volunteers.

The association lost one of its best earlier this year.

Ab Morrow was remembered at the Fish Hatchery on Dec. 19, as over 30 volunteers, spouses and staff were in attendance for an appreciation lunch.

Barb Morrow, Ab's widow, presented the HHOA with a wood carving of a lake trout that her husband made before he died.

"When he carved this, I said 'Do you think the hatchery would like that?'" she told the gathered volunteers. "He said 'No, they wouldn't be interested.'"

"I disagree."

Barb said the way Ab picked the wood, it looked like water.

Ron Sedley, a fellow volunteer at the hatchery, said Ab was an excellent carpenter who built the stairs at the back of the hatchery and screens for the tanks.

"It was a pleasure to work with him,"

Sedley said. "His motto was anything worth doing was worth doing right."

"We miss him."

Dave Flowers, fisheries extension biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), works closely with the hatchery. He thanked the volunteers for their work.

"On behalf of the MNR, and you all know the Ministry is changing in the way we're doing things, we've always valued in this area the support of working volunteers," he said. "That's one of the reasons why I've been able to work to support you where you want to go."

He said the hatchery's plans are in line with the Ministry's.

"The goals and aspirations of this facility are matched with where we want to go in the community as well. We're here to share your burden and help you financially where we can."

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# Highlander sports



## Dogs ramp up for sledding season

By Warren Riley

There is an old adage that a dog is Man's best friend.

For Haliburton's Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin of Winterdance Dogsled Tours, they're a good way to get around, too.

The pair are geared up for another Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> annual derby for McCready.

"We are excited that the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre have offered their full support in helping us host the derby," she said. "We started in 1999 as a way to turn a fashion into a lifestyle. It's been quite a ride for the past 14 years."

For McCready, the yearly derby is not a chore but a labour of love.

"This year our marketing has been a lot more aggressive. We won the Canada Signature this year which has helped us a lot. We are one of 165 (businesses) across Canada that were chosen in April. It's pretty flattering. In return, they help to

promote us."

After a summer season, the dogs will be out of shape and need to get back in form.

"We start training the dogs in mid to late-October and we let them run around as they kind of get out of shape. After one or two-mile runs they will get winded. But now they can do a two mile run which is probably 15 miles per hour. Three days a week they run and build up that endurance and besides, it helps us train. With the help of the snow we hopefully receive tonight they will be all set to go."

"The touring sleds are 95 per cent wood," McCready continued. "Hank goes over them and reties them which is the lashing and puts them together every year. Runners get broken once in a while and he replaces them. The race sleds you see tend to be more metal and if they break it's a whole new part or sled. They're not quite as flexible as the good old-fashioned wooden sleds. Generally, it's amazing what these sleds will do. Some of these sleds have done 6,000 (to) 7,000 miles in



Photo submitted by Winterdance Dogsled Tours

Hank DeBruin takes off from the starting line at the 2010 Iditarod race in Anchorage, Alaska.

the last few years."

The derby welcomes more than 70 mushers from Ontario, Quebec and several American states each year. The mushers compete for a \$5,000 purse in addition to acquiring points for the International Sled Dog Racing Association. As described, the trails wind their way through the grounds of the Pinestone Resort with the help of the Nordic Ski Club grooming the trails.

It's a win-win scenario for McCready and the Pinestone Resort.

"It's a great partnership we have with the Pinestone Resort. The trails are very controlled, basically undisturbed and we don't have to worry about anything getting in and destroying them. Some of the trails are used by the cross country

skiers but most of the trails are not used by anyone. Mushers love the Pinestone as they put their trust in them and don't have to move for the weekend."

The derby will be held on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 which includes four-dog, six-dog and eight-dog teams and the kid & mutt races as well as a youth race and a Skijoring race (cross country skier pulled by dogs) on both Saturday and Sunday. McCready is hoping to have a one-day Skijoring clinic this year for folks interested in getting their dogs off and running in harness with them.

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## The Computer Guy

### Computers that smell and other predictions



By David Spaxman

IBM has just released its annual "5 in 5" list of technology predictions for the next five years. This time, the focus is on the senses of sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste. If all these predictions come true, computers will play a much bigger part in our daily lives than they do now.

Most interesting perhaps is the prediction that computers will have a sense of smell in five years. IBM imagines that a phone could check your breath, not merely to see if you need a mint, but to tell if you're getting a cold.

To take it a step further, computers could take a whiff of you at home and send that information to doctors for remote diagnosis.

Today's computers can already understand human language, but in the future, they may be able to interpret audio better than we can.

For instance, a computer could understand what a baby wants by listening to its cries, or could predict certain natural disasters by listening to the world around them.

Don't worry, IBM doesn't think computers will develop appetites, but the company does think they'll help us eat better by understanding our tastes.

Through large databases on the chemical structures of foods, computers may be able to develop healthier recipes while still satisfying our taste buds.

If you've ever used an Android phone with a keyboard that vibrates with each tap, you know haptic feedback isn't a new concept. But IBM thinks the technology will become so advanced in five years that it'll be able to simulate the texture of real-world objects.

It could be handy to be able to experience tactile data from a distance. For example, if you wanted to order a shirt online, you could feel the fabric on your smartphone.

In five years, IBM predicts that computers will be able to look at images and understand what's important about them.

For example, in a natural disaster, a computer could interpret incoming photos and help emergency personnel decide where and how to respond.

Although IBM's predictions may seem like fantasies, the company has been offering its insights and expectations in an annual list since 2006, and many of its past predictions have come to fruition.

If this should ever become a reality then my morning conversations would go like this:

"Good Morning Dave."

"Good morning, computer."

"Gee, you look terrible; you really need a haircut and shave."

"Thank you computer, I'll do that this morning."

"By the smell I say you need a shower too."

"I'll do that after I shave."

"Is that a bagel you're eating?"

"Give me a bite I'm starved."

You see I already have someone to do all this for me. If my computer can do it too then I don't need both and I would hate to have to decide which to get rid of.

For questions or comments, please e-mail me at [computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca](mailto:computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca). Happy and safe computing.

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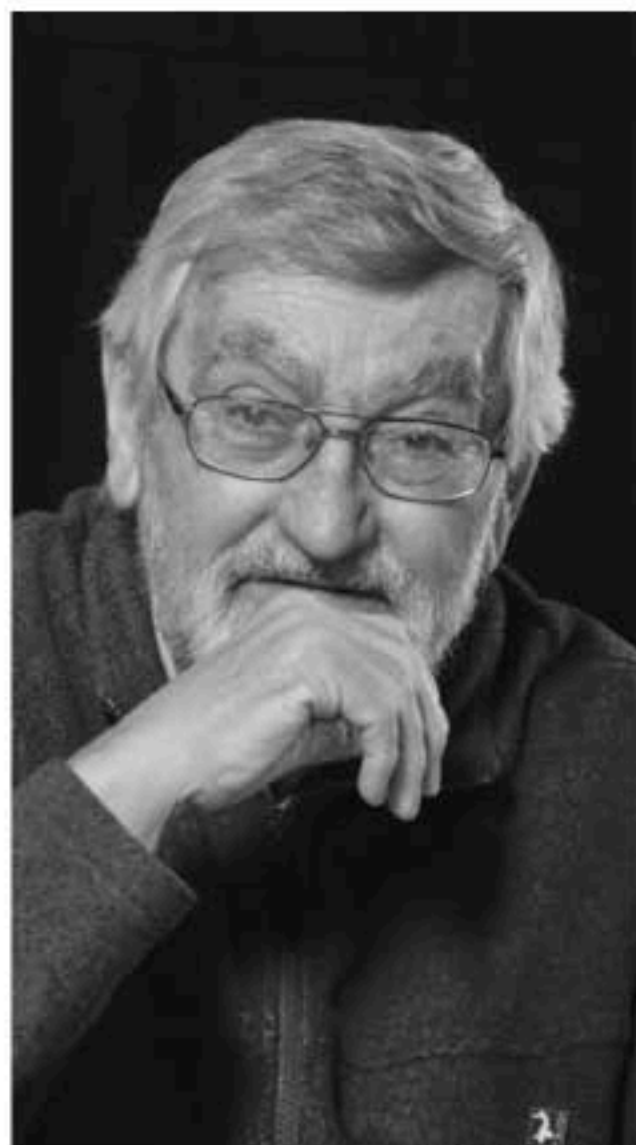


Photo by Fred Phipps

Frank Thom, a photographer in Haliburton, creates calendars every year to support community organizations.

## Thom supports community through art

By Matthew Desrosiers

His pictures capture the natural landscapes we enjoy in the Highlands every day, and you can find them scattered throughout the county.

Frank Thom was a hobby photographer all his life, but only recently has he started putting his work out to the public.

"I just sort of got into it the last couple of years," he said. "I took pictures all my life, but the last couple of years I decided to try and do something with it."

What he decided to do was use his photography as a way to help the community.

Last year, Thom put together a calendar of his landscape photos to be sold as a fundraiser for Community Care Haliburton County, Places for People, and Canoe FM.

He donated 50 per cent of the proceeds to be split equally among the groups, while the rest went towards production costs.

This year, he made another calendar, but also added the Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) to the list of beneficiaries, as well as CARP chapter 54.

"I wanted something that's Haliburton County, because there's so much around us," he said. "It's just a beautiful place to be."

Although there are many calendars available for sale, not many actually showcase the Highlands, he said.

His decision to support these local non-profit organizations was an easy one.

"I think it's important in a small community like this," Thom said. "If we didn't have volunteers, we'd be short of a lot of services."

Thom is also proud of the fact his calendars are produced locally.

"I started at the age of 10," he said. "Even as a kid, I got compliments that 'you don't cut the head off like other people do.'"

Thom was always able to compose a good shot. He knows what he likes to shoot, and what he doesn't. For example, you won't find him shooting a wedding.

"It's just not my bag."

What he loves are landscapes.

"In the summertime, I get up at 5-5:30 [a.m.] and I'll go down to the lake, take a couple of pictures, then go grab a coffee and a paper and sit at the lake because it's a nice place to be."

He's fascinated by the fickle nature of the landscape.

"If you see it you better get it quick because it doesn't last very long," he said. "I don't sit around waiting for stuff to happen. I go out when I think it might happen. If it see something, I take it. If I don't, I don't worry about it."

He won't shoot just anything.

"I'm not one of those guys that go out and shoot a thousand pictures a day for the sake of taking pictures. I like to take pictures of something I see, something that appeals to me."

In this year's calendar, Thom tried to get around the county and capture its entirety in the calendar. He drives around, keeping an eye out for interesting sites to photograph.

Thom's love of landscapes might be explained by his past profession as a correctional officer, stuck inside institutions. He started his career working in the Toronto jail.

"It was a lock 'em up and throw away the key kind of mentality and it just wasn't for me," he said. "I ended up transferring to the Ontario Correctional Institute in Brampton, and that was more of a treatment centre."

The philosophy of the institute was more about rehabilitation and preparing inmates, or residents as they were termed, for their release.

"The thing I enjoyed the most was getting involved in some of the family counselling," he said. "I found that really helpful to the resident being able to confront things and talk about it with them and be with the family. It helped the family understand the resident better too, I think."

But eventually Thom had enough of corrections. After trying his hand at business ownership in Kinmount, he eventually settled in Haliburton.

When Thom isn't shooting photos, he's busy volunteering for many of the organizations he supports through his calendar.

## Exchange student adapts to life up north

By Erin Lynch

Prior to coming to Canada, 16-year-old Natalie Gruhl had never experienced snow falling to the ground.

Her arrival in Canada on Nov. 23 from Australia coincided with the Highlands' first seasonal snowfall. Excited and dressed in a new winter coat, the rotary exchange student made her first snow angels.

A farm girl, Gruhl lives on a 1,300-acre sorghum farm in Pittsworth, Queensland which is two hours away from Brisbane. The Australian's first choice for a rotary exchange country had been Canada. From photos, she had been awe-struck with the beauty of a country on the other side of the world.

"Where I live we just have a few rivers. I love seeing all the lakes," says Natalie.

For nine weeks Natalie is staying with Daniela Palgiaro and 15-year-old Nadia at their Haliburton home. This summer Nadia will travel to Australia to stay with Gruhl and her family.

Australia is currently in the summer season with temperatures in the mid-40 degrees Celsius. Winter temperatures are considered cool at 15 degrees Celsius. Gruhl admits she has never worn so many clothes. Besides the obvious difference in weather the teenager has been confronted with a number of cultural differences.

"It's taking me a bit of time to get used to the accent and I'm trying to really pay

attention when I cross the street because Canadians drive on the opposite side of the road," says the Australian exchange student.

Gruhl says she hasn't been able to figure out the milk.

"Nadia asked me what kind of milk I drink and I said the one with the red lid. Daniela bought two per cent but it tasted so creamy and different. In Australia I live right beside a milk farm so I'm use to very fresh milk."

In Australia, Gruhl would be on summer break. In January she will be going into Grade 11. The school year runs from January to November. School uniforms are worn and only healthy food is served in the school cafeteria.

"There's a lot more junk food here. In Australia there is no way you would ever be able to get pizza at school. I love it here. There's a lot more freedom in Canada. I like being able to express my individuality but I'm not use to every morning trying to figure out what I'm going to wear."

Excited for the experiences of winter, Gruhl is planning on trying as many winter activities as she can while on her exchange.

"I'm excited to try dog sledding and skiing both cross country and downhill. I pretty much want to try any winter sport."

Asked if she feels homesick the teenager shakes her head.

"Eventually I think I'll miss the warm weather. I speak to my family once a week. I'm here to experience a different life."



Photo submitted by Ron Gambell

From left: Ron Gambell, co-owner of Suwan's Thai Cuisine and the Orchid Bistro, Captain Simpson, Salvation Army Fenelon Falls, George Theethamma and May Theethamma, managers of the Orchid Bistro in Fenelon Falls, and Suwan Khamduang, co-owner of Suwan's Thai Cuisine and the Orchid Bistro.

## Gambell donates \$10,000

By Matthew Desrosiers

Ron Gambell has donated \$10,000 to the Fenelon Falls Salvation Army.

"I've always supported the Salvation Army," he said. "If there was ever a time they've needed help, they need it right now,

today."

Gambell said he donated to the Salvation Army because he knows most of the money goes back to the community. He wanted to help those less fortunate than himself and also inspire others to give.

"I just felt I wanted to do this."



# Highlander events



Submitted by Valerie Griffin

## OEYC Holiday celebrations

The annual OEYC Christmas dinner for toddlers, preschoolers and their families, held at the Minden District Lions Club hall. Many thanks to everyone for all your support.



Submitted by John Sloan

## Curling Club crowns winners

Winners of the Minden Curling Club Thursday Men's League fall schedule, and recipients of the Art Hodgkinson Memorial Trophy, were from left: Donald Bunt (lead), Gord MacLean (second), Dave Millington (skip) and Erskine Flook (vice).



Photo submitted by Bill Burnett

## Northern Expressions wraps up Great Gobbler Giveaway

Northern Expressions invited the winners of their Great Gobbler Giveaway to stop in and pick up their turkeys. The winners are Maggie Dame, Brenda Pearce, Jerry Macdonald, Cheryl Lee and Karen Burnett. Lyn Winans is absent from the photo.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
		Community Drum Circle - (every Wednesday) - Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330	
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941		Country Music Jamboree - S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7.00	Contract Bridge - (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941
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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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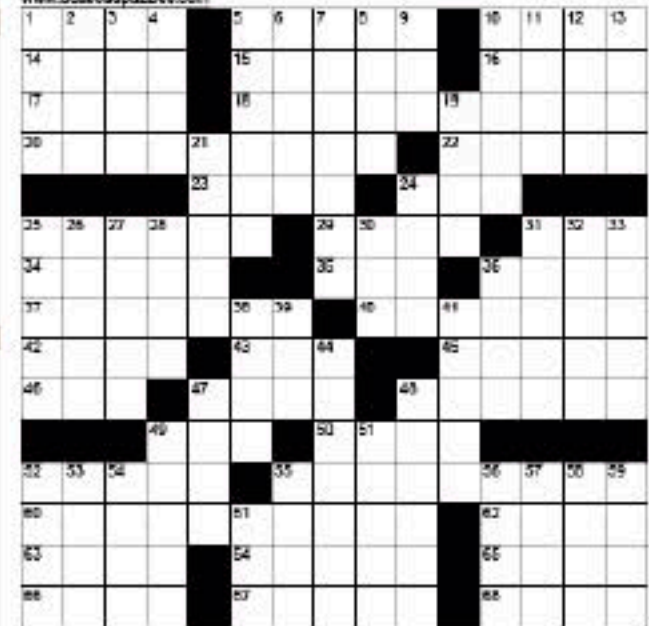
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### ACROSS

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- Stroke a guitar
- File
- Got it! (2 wds.)
- The ones here
- Soreness
- Eat in style
- Eye-opener
- Walked leisurely
- Surrendered
- Wide-mouthed pitcher
- Common conjunction
- Sailor
- Unchanged
- Folding bed
- Eiffel Tower locale
- Supplement
- Quartet count
- Eternal
- Moderately slow, in music
- Rip apart
- Golfers' need
- Assistants
- Historic time
- Hock
- Bloopers
- Goldfish, e.g.
- Roof overhang
- Greasy streak
- Instant
- Orchestra section
- Woodwind
- Pass over
- Watchful
- Water source
- Baby's "piggies"
- Positive responses
- Tallies

### DOWN

- Jar tops
- China's locale
- Diner list
- Existed
- Scattered
- Not here
- Car gear
- Secondhand
- Actor \_\_\_\_\_ Gibson
- Appraised
- Amino \_\_\_\_\_
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- Await judgment
- Skin woe
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- Emergency tire
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- Sports building
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- Owned apartment
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- Curl
- Unbiased
- Doctor's "at once"
- Make a seam
- Risked
- Adversaries
- Lima's locale
- Incidents
- Treaties
- Love, in Rome
- Blot
- Note
- Huron's neighbor
- Emerald \_\_\_\_\_
- Dubuque's state
- Sleeping
- Related
- Lampreys
- State

**Fun Fact:**  
Butterflies  
taste with their  
feet.



# Highlander events



Photo by Warren Riley

Over 40 volunteers descended on the Minden Community Centre to put together Christmas baskets for members of the Minden Food Bank on Dec. 20.

## Minden prepares Christmas baskets

By Warren Riley

This is the time of year when the gift of giving is more than just a tradition. On Dec. 20 it was a day of smiles and happy faces at the Minden Community Centre as dozens of hard-working volunteers donated their time preparing Christmas baskets full of presents and food.

Ron Reid is the coordinator for the Christmas Basket Program and expressed his heartfelt thanks to those who enlisted to help and the Minden community, businesses and organizations for their charitable donations.

"The generosity of the community is overwhelming," said Reid. "Yesterday we had 55 volunteers and today we had over 40 volunteers show up. The groceries and the toys have all been donated by the community and it's a fabulous program."

Reid has contributed his time for 15 years

and is honoured to be a part of the program.

"To be able to do 180 baskets for mostly clients of the Minden Food Bank is amazing. It's something I will continue to do."

Organizing the Christmas Basket Program is not a daunting chore for Reid.

"I have a team now that will look after getting trees out in the banks and service clubs. Initially I send letters out to the service clubs and to all the businesses that we are doing it (the program) again. We have lots of support in the banks, LCBO and post offices and they put out boxes for the toy donations."

"We picked up the toys yesterday [Dec. 19], sorted them and put them all together so that each parent can decide which group of presents they want for each child. We also sort them by age and gender. So, if there are five groups of girls for example, the mother can come in and choose which present would suit that child."

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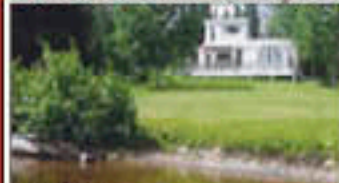
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- Gradual entry, sand bottom
- Easily convert outbuilding to bunkie
- Year round road, close to amenities

### Minden Lake \$359,900



- w/ home - minutes to Minden
- 1,200 sq. ft bungalow, large double garage
- full walkout basement
- gentle slope to water
- park like setting, decking & docks

### Great Potential - \$152,900



- Large open concept design, in-door heating
- Upper & lower large covered porches
- Built in heated garage
- Second to snowmobile/ATV trails
- Ready to complete - finish to suit!

### White Lake - \$599,900



- 4 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3,400 sq ft
- 140 ft sandy waterfront, 0.87 acre
- Double car garage, security system
- Double sided, 2 level fireplace
- 700 sq ft decking, screened in porch



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### Little Hawk Area \$235,000



- Spacious 3300 sq ft home
- Short walk to public access
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- Double det garage & large drive-in shed

### Lochlin Area Lot \$17,900



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### Salerno Lake - \$369,900



- 3 bedroom open concept
- Updated, pine floors and beams
- Newer appliances, shingles
- 133 feet shoreline, sand beach
- 2 docks, gorgeous waterfront
- Deep water, great swimming

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### Loop Road \$125,000



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- walkout basement
- large back yard
- upgraded high efficiency oil furnace
- view of Dark Lake

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- Private lot on quiet lake
- Upgraded deck system
- Master bedroom loft with balcony
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### Great Value! \$469,000



- 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2,450 sq ft
- 345 ft frontage, 1.83 acres
- Hardwood floors, open concept
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- Excellent year round retreat

### 4 Season Retreat - \$274,900



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 800 sq ft
- 100 ft sand waterfront, 0.56 acre
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- Cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors
- Comes completely furnished

### Kennisis River - \$389,900



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